

# Friends of State Parks

North Carolina's Friends of State Parks is an all-volunteer group dedicated to the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of North Carolina's State Parks.

FSP supports the N.C. Parks System by promoting and raising awareness of the system's mission: "to protect and manage the unique biological, geological, archeological, recreational, and scenic resources of the state."

FSP also fosters and engenders an atmosphere of appreciation and support for the division's 500-member staff who are the stewards of our "Best in the Nation" state parks system. Our state park staff achieve national recognition with the second lowest per capita investment in state parks in the Southeast.

Resources to finance exhibits, publications, division programs such as the Junior Ranger program, milestone recognitions, most notably the 75th and 90th anniversary celebrations, educational opportunities for ranger staff, and legislative advocacy are derived from membership dues, grants, private donations and the sale of FSP sponsored publications.

As the division plans for and addresses the needs of more than 12 million annual visitors to our naturally diverse park system and envisions the changes and challenges facing what will be the seventh most populous state in the nation in the year 2020, FSP stands in partnership to make the efforts more easily achievable.

We need your voices and hands to support all these key efforts and to help make the visions of "New Parks for a New Century" a reality.

Join us today by completing the enclosed membership application along with tax-deductible dues and/or donations.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, state of North Carolina chartered organization.

We invite you to learn more about Friends of State Parks by visiting our website at [www.ncfsp.org](http://www.ncfsp.org).

Sincerely,  
John Graham, President  
Friends of State Parks

